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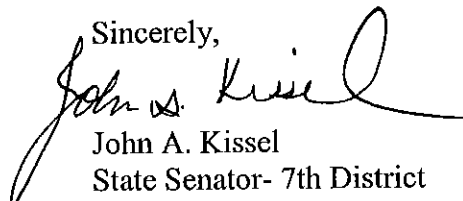
Dear Acting Commissioner Murphy,

Thank you for your letter dated July 30, responding to my letter of July 29<sup>th</sup>, which detailed my concerns about the violent occurrences at Northern Correctional Institute in Somers. In your response you indicated that you had already directed your staff to conduct a review of operations at Northern. A few weeks ago I also had the opportunity to tour the facility with its new warden, Angel Quiros, and to observe the progress being made on removing the dangerous metal lockers.

Unfortunately, since my tour further violent acts have taken place against some of the guards and just yesterday an inmate somehow set fire to his mattress. Thus, I am writing to inquire regarding the status of the Department of Correction's investigation. I understand that Northern houses the most dangerous and difficult criminals in our state, but it is also our super maximum security facility.

Any information you can provide regarding the status of the investigation into matters at Northern would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your attention to this matter and your willingness to work with me to address my concerns.

Sincerely,



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State Senator- 7th District